

## **10- Year Plan Goals:**

**Designate a lead entity:** To ensure progress towards the goal of ending homelessness in Asheville and Buncombe County, a lead entity will coordinate the implementation of the plan and be accountable to the homeless community, service providers, and local government.

**Develop infrastructure:** Establish a “no wrong-door” for entry into the homeless network by people in a housing crisis. Use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to link all intake forms, service plans, referral protocols, and housing resources with HMIS, and to screen for applicable programs.

**Prevention:** Stop discharging people into homelessness. Coordinate and strengthen relationships and partnerships among people experiencing homelessness, government agencies, nonprofits, institutions, businesses, and landlords to leverage funding and resources available to people in a housing crisis.

**Housing First:** Address the most critical issue facing all people experiencing homelessness, which is the lack of permanent housing. Create new units, using the existing market and by building relationships with landlords, fostering effective rent assistance programs and bolstering outreach to people experiencing homelessness.

**Housing Plus:** Pair wraparound services and links to the larger community, which are key to keeping formerly homeless people in housing, with permanent housing. Develop and expand ACT teams/housing support teams and develop formal integration strategies so that people can access mainstream services in the areas of affordable health care, mental health, substance abuse services, employment /and or income supports, and childcare.